

WEEKLY MASSES	MARYCHURCH/STM (MC) Mass times and intentions		ST PETER'S (SP) Mass times and intentions	
Sat 22/04	6.00pm	Private Intention	10.30am	Leonides Hababag, Healing
Sun 23/04	9.30 am STM 11.00am	Parishioners  William Prendergast RIP	9.00am 11.00am 2.00pm 6.00pm	Josie Sears RIP Kathleen Fleming RIP All travellers, living and dead Parishioners
Mon 24/04	7.00pm	Josie Ashwell		No mass
Tue 25/04	9.30am	Doris Thomas RIP	10.30am	For Father Julius' Int
Wed 26/04	10.30am	Richard Atkin's Int	9.30am	Mark & Angie O'Brien
Thu 27/04		No mass	7.00pm	Leonides Hababag, Healing
Fri 28/04	10.30am		9.30am	Jolene Gallegher & family
Sat 29/04	6.00pm	Verona Modeste, Healing	10.30am	Stephen McDonagh
Next Sunday Readings: 1. Acts 2:14, 36-41 2. 1 Peter 2:20-25 Gospel John 10:1-10				

#### IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

**INFANT BAPTISM:** Contact parish clergy. Preparation with the catechist is an obligation.  
**SP: Last Sunday of each Month. MC: Second Sunday of each Month.**  
**MARRIAGE:** Contact Parish Clergy, 6 months notice is required to allow time for preparation and paper works.  
**CONFESSIONS:** MC= Saturday: 5.15 - 5.50pm. SP: Saturday 11am - 12noon (and by appointment for both parishes).  
**DEVOTIONS:** Sacred Heart Novena: MC: Friday during adoration SP = Friday after mass.  
**Rosary MC:** Wed after mass. SP: Wed after mass. Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour:  
**MC & SP = Tues after mass. FATIMA ROSARY:** Contact Lucia Federici: 07933436387  
**HATFIELD SVP:** Contact: 07960785673  
**CATHOLIC HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY LISTER:** John O'Neil: 01438285518.  
**TEA & COFFEE:** After 11am Mass on Sunday at both parishes.  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** MC = On hold. SP = During 11am mass. Except 1st Sunday when there is  
**CHILDREN'S MASS.**  
**MORNING PRAYER:** SP = 9.10am before morning mass Tues, Wed and Fri  
**RCIA:** Want to become a Catholic, or find out more? Are you an adult Catholic wanting confirmation? Please contact the Parish Clergy or Philip Crabtree : 07379497097.  
**MASS & HALL BOOKINGS:** Please note all masses and hall bookings are on a first come basis. Masses may be booked by telephone, online or filling out a mass intention request. Hall bookings may be booked by telephone or online, through the Parish Office.  
**FUNERALS:** Please speak to the Parish Clergy before making any funeral arrangements.

*Holy Father's intention for the month of April: For a culture of peace and non-violence. We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by Countries and peoples.*

## The Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster



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+ *Third Sunday of Easter, Year A*  
*Sunday, 23rd April 2023*

**READINGS: 1. Acts of the Apostles 2:14.22-33; 2. St Peter 1:17-21; Gospel Luke 24:13-35.** Response to Psalm 15:1-2.5.7-11. Show us, Lord, the path of life. *Gospel Acclamation, Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!*

**REFLECTION:** Life can sometimes be filled with hopelessness which can lead to desperation; however, it can also be the start of a journey to faith. To be hopeless or lonely is a reminder that within us is a void that can be filled only by Jesus who walks with us even when we don't recognise him. In the gospel reading, the two disciples who walk the road to Emmaus were hopeless. They believed that Jesus would save them from Roman captivity; but, to their disappointment, they saw how He was arrested, tortured and crucified. Now, they walk back to their homes feeling hopeless. In their confused state, they forgot all the teachings about the resurrection and fail to recognise Jesus who joins their company and explains to them the prophecy that Christ would have to suffer, die and rise from death. Slowly, their minds were open to understanding; then, loneliness gives way to joy and hope finally blooms when they recognised Jesus during the breaking of bread (Eucharist).

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Christianity does not promise a secure life or life free from loneliness and pain, which may make us question sometimes if God exists. On this incident of the disciples to Emmaus, St. Augustine of Hippo wrote "they were so disappointed when they saw Him hanging on the cross, that they forgot His teachings, did not look for his resurrection and failed to keep his promises in mind." Nevertheless, the good news is that God is always with us in the joys and challenges of life. Peace be with you!

*Jesus Said: "My house shall be called a house of prayer." Before Mass - Talk to God, During Mass - Listen to God, After Mass - Talk to each other.'*



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**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Clara Sakala, Sr Jo, Martina Knightly, Anne Owens, Joyce Davies, Josie Ashwell, Maudy Tapfumaneyi, Michael MacPherson, Maria Campbell, Christine Donnelly, Paul Donnelly, Ruth Emery, Ella Russell, Yvonne Stephens, Remi Clarke and Violet Prabu.



## NOTICES AND EVENTS

**MC: COFFEE MORNINGS:** Sundays after 11am mass, 'Lord you have need of my hands'...coffee, natter, create, care and plant club etc. Please support Father and the ladies that make the tea/coffee. Get to know people and what's happening in your parish.

**MC: RECYCLING:** Ink cartridges recycling for CAFOD continues. Please leave used and unwanted cartridges in the right hand cupboard at the back of Marychurch. Thank you.

**MC: PENTECOST SUNDAY:** Sunday, 28th May is Pentecost Sunday and Monday, 29th May is Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, our Feast day. We are planning to celebrate mass in different languages on Pentecost Sunday and will be holding a bring and share party after mass in the hall in celebration of both feasts. Please contact Cora on 07821 678818 for further information.

**MC: FLOWERS:** We need more volunteers to help with the flowers at Marychurch. Are you available to help with flower arranging? Please fill in your contact details on the volunteer sign up sheet and a member of the Parish team will be in touch. Thank you for considering this important ministry.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND:** Next Sunday, 30th April, is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. Thank you for your generosity.

**MC/STM: WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH:** Direct Debit is very easy, fast and secure. Our Account Details: **Acct Name: WRCDT Hatfield,** Sort code - 40-05-20, Acct Number: 41266217. We accept regular plate giving in cash or cheque. Thank you for donations or legacy in memory of your loved ones.



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**SICK OR HOUSEBOUND:** Please pray for Cathy Ryan, Jack Cook, Edwin Levy, Leonora Mashumba, Anna Lodge, Pauline Redottee, David & Margaret Grundy, Elizabeth McLoughlin and Richard Atkin.



**CATHOLIC STUDENTS AT HERTS UNIVERSITY:** If anyone has accommodation available to rent, or is able to offer employment opportunities for the students, please contact the Parish Clergy or Parish Office. Let's help our Catholic students settle down well.

**UNIVERSALIS:** Please visit the Universalis website for daily mass readings, reflections and daily Christian art. You can also download the app, which is chargeable, but worth the small fee. 'Get the app - change your life!'

**SP: CHURCH CLEANING:** Victoria, Anthonia & Nneka  
**FLOWERS:** Roshan & Harshani

**SP & MC: OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND STANDING ORDERS:** A thank you to parishioners using offertory envelopes as a means of supporting St Peter's Parish and our Priests. Most of the new boxes have now been issued, if you would like a box of envelopes, please inform the Parish Clergy or the Parish Office. Thanks are also due to parishioners who have set up a standing order to support the Parish. Remember, if you can gift aid your offerings, this increases the value by 25%. Thank you.

**SP & MC: ROME PILGRIMAGE:** We are planning a Parish pilgrimage to Rome, flying from Heathrow to Rome on Monday, 27th November returning Friday, 1st December 2023.  
 £60 coach from St Peter's to Heathrow Airport, return  
 £815 flight, coach from airport to hotel, hotel, half a day tour of Rome, daily mass, half board accommodation  
 £68 Vatican City & St Peter's Basilica tour  
 £943 total  
 Please add travel insurance, lunches, spending money, (supplementary charges for single rooms, £82 per person and double room for single use, £105 per person). If a visa is required, it is the responsibility of parishioners to organise and apply for their own visa. Please note, if a deposit is paid and you fail to secure a visa and therefore can not travel to Rome, your deposit is lost.

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